--- "Series of 1915" - 10 Cigars - 41 x 22 mm. ---

--- *recess printed, imperforate* BLACK *die proof* - *without* an imprint - scanned at 150% scale ---

Lee Brandom lists these oblong stamps as from the "Series of 1922". As pointed out by Chris Ryan, in an e-mail of December 18th 2006, the ten cigar stamp was authorized by the Revenue Department in September 1915, and the "Department of Inland Revenue" (as engraved on these stamps) merged with the "Customs Department" as of April 1st 1921, to form the "Department of Customs and Excise".

★**RG-578 DP** - 10 Cigars, *black* die proof, mounted on light cardboard - the design measures 41 x 22 mm. The proof is inscribed '*A.A. 197*' - the engraver's initials, plus a work order?

--- *imperforate* BROWN *die or plate proof* - *without* an imprint - scanned at 150% scale ---

★**RG-578 DP/PP** - 10 Cigars, *imperforate* ***brown*** plate or die proof on thin wove with a *linear* horizontal mesh, the design measures 41 x 22 mm.

--- recess printed on *vertical* mesh wove - perforated 12 - stamped SPECIMEN in 4 mm. Gothic letters ---

★**RG-578 SP** - 10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, on *vertical* mesh wove, stamped **SPECIMEN**

--- RG-578 - recess printed on *vertical* mesh wove - perforated 12 - with 4½ mm. *red control numbers* - 1915-18 ---

★**RG-578** - 10 cigars, yellow-brown, perforated 12, on *vertical* mesh wove, control number **974707**,

084370	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, uncancelled
094240	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **37-17** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal
342430	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **6-17** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal
360466	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **37-17** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal
974707★	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, uncancelled
1268771	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable roller cancellation
1398819	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **37-17** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal
1398831	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **37-17** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal
1415221	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable roller cancellation
1725250	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, an unreadable roller cancellation
1970683	RG-578	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, an unreadable roller cancellation

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--- recess printed on *vertical* mesh wove - imperforate - 1918 ---

RG-579 SP - 10 cigars, yellow-brown, plate proof, on vertical mesh wove, control number **0000000**,

★**0000000**	RG-579 SP	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with seven bluish-purple zeroes

The “Canadian Bank Note Co.”, Ottawa, was affiliated as a wholly owned subsidiary of the “American Bank Note Co.”, New York, in 1923. Likely the “SP” specimen proofs, with blue controls, date from this switch.

--- 10 Cigars - “Series of 1915” - 41 x 22 mm design - scanned at 150% scale - 1915-23 ---

--- recess printed on *vertical* mesh wove - perforated 12 - with 4½ mm. *purple* control numbers ---

★**RG-579** - 10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, on vertical mesh wove, control number **5884606**,
roller cancelled **EXCISE / 31-17 / CANADA** by “Andrew Wilson & Co.”, Montreal

0261395	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable cancellation
0344192	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable rose roller cancellation
0550783	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, rollered **2-10-D** by “L. O. Grothe”, Montreal
0651136	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable violet roller cancellation
0686914	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable violet roller cancellation
1835961	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable purple roller cancellation
2378906	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, uncancelled
3385324	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable violet roller cancellation
3560002	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, uncancelled
3889777	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, ex Brandom catalogue
4270465	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, uncancelled
4438814	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, uncancelled
5677155	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, cancelled **EXCISE / 6-17 / CANADA**, by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal
5812462	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable purple roller
5884606 ★	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, cancelled **EXCISE / 31-17 / CANADA**, by “Andrew Wilson & Co.”, Montreal
7068070	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable purple roller
7578891	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, uncancelled
7963027	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable violet roller cancellation
8159486	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable rose roller cancellation
8279785	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, uncancelled

★**RG-579** - 10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, on vertical mesh wove, control number **8603062**,
roller cancelled **CANADA / 1-10 / EXCISE** by “J. B. Payne”, Granby.
[An odd item. No attempt was made to cancel out **TEN**. Was it used on imported cigarettes?]

8603062 ★	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, roller cancelled **CANADA / 1-10 / EXCISE** by “J.B. Payne”, Granby [note the cancellation of ~~CIGARS~~]
8892088	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable violet roller cancellation
9498081	RG-579	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, cancelled **1-17** by “Primo Cigars”, Montreal

--- 10 Cigars - “Series of 1915” - 41 x 22 mm. design - scanned at 150% scale - 1921-26 ---

--- intaglio printed on *vertical* mesh wove - perforated 12 - with 4½ mm. *blue control numbers* ---

--- *with* ‘Customs & Excise’ coding ---

The switch from the “Inland Revenue” codes (e.g. **31-17** - for the “Andrew Wilson & Co.”, Montreal) to the “Customs & Excise” codes (e.g. **26-50-E** - for the “Andrew Wilson & Co.”, Toronto) - occurred in November 1921. From the preceding I.R.D. codes, it would seem that this Brandom listed “Series of 1922” obviously was in use prior to 1922. The control numbers are now in blue ink.

★**RG-580** - 10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, on vertical mesh wove, control number **1228808**, cancelled **11 1924 / 2-23-D** by “Empire Tobacco”, Granby, in November 1924

0638897		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, rollered **7-24-E**, by “James McNee.”, London
0639006		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, rollered **7-24-E**, by “James McNee.”, London
5084689		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, unreadable roller
5821616 ★		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, rollered **2-10-D** by “L.O. Grothe”, Montreal
5835503		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, roller cancelled **CANADA / 1-10 / EXCISE**
6095755		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, cancelled **CIGARS / 26 / 50 - E / TOBACCO**, by “Andrew Wilson & Co.”, Toronto
8102244 ★		RG-580 **	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, on a light cardboard box of **Sir Haig** cigars, by “William Ward”, London, Ontario - **CIGARS / 11 / 24 - E / TOBACCO**
8457118		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **10-13-I** - “Van Loo Cigars”, Vancouver
9234219		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable purple cancellation
9267875		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, rollered **2-23-D** by “Empire Granby”
8907595 ★	05/24	RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **5 1924 / 2-23-D** by “Empire Granby”
9394918		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, with an unreadable rose roller cancellation
9646828 ★	11/24	RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, code **11 1924 / 2-23-D** by “Empire Granby”

★**RG-580** - 10 cigars, control **9724636**, *perforated 12,* intaglio printed on *vertical* mesh wove paper, faintly roller cancelled **5-10-D** by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Montreal

9724636 ★		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **5-10-D** by “Tuckett Tobacco”
9817160		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **5-10-D** by “Tuckett Tobacco”
9900110		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **5-10-D** by “Tuckett Tobacco”
9908657		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, coded **5-10-D** by “Tuckett Tobacco”

9933875 ★		RG-580 **	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, on a light cardboard box of **White Owl Claro** cigars, by “General Cigars”, Montreal - stamp cancelled **6-10-D**
9936095		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, rollered **2-10-D** by “L. O. Grothe”, Montreal
9989245		RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, rollered **3-10-D** by “Forest Ltee”, Montreal

As shown by the date cancelled stamps, a new control sequence has definitely begun.

0610095 ★	03/25	RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, code **3 1925 / 2-23-D** by “Empire Granby”
1193046	06/25	RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, code **6 1925 / 2-23-D** by “Empire Granby”
1228808 ★	07/25	RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, code **7 1925 / 2-23-D** by “Empire Granby”
1228854 ★	07/25	RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, code **7 1925 / 2-23-D** by “Empire Granby”
1354126 ★	08/25	RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, code **8 1925 / 2-23-D** by “Empire Granby”
1375627	08/25	RG-580	10 cigars, yellow-brown, perf 12, code **8 1925 / 2-23-D** by “Empire Granby”

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